

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The approximately 25,000 registered nurses in Arkansas are the backbone of our health-care system, serving patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans have long depended on the compassion and professional skill of our nurses. Their efforts are essential for accomplishing the goals of preventing suffering and disease and in caring for every individual's physical and mental health-care needs in our communities; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Nurses Association is the voice of professional nurses in our State and provides information, resources, representation, advocacy, and protection to the nurses it serves; and

WHEREAS: Professional nurses are indispensable to high-quality health care, and they are essential to ensuring the safety of hospitalized patients. More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health-care consumers in the Nation and in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The demand for registered-nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home-health-care services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the invaluable contributions of nurses to health care in our State and in our Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2015.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

